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# TSBA Bill Tracker

## OPPOSE

### **SB115/HB364 Individualized education account (IEA) available for certain students with denied admittance.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Zachary, Jason

*Summary:* Allows a student who was denied admittance to the individualized education account (IEA) program for the 2016-2017 school year because the student was not previously enrolled in a Tennessee public school the two semesters preceding the semester with an IEA to enroll in the program, if the student has the required disability and had an IEP at a Tennessee public school during the 2015-2016 school year.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/21/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 14, relative to the individualized education act.

*Position:* Oppose

### **SB131/HB493 Amends various firearms provisions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Holt, Andy

*Summary:* Allows a person who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm to possess a firearm either openly or concealed. Clarifies that a person commits an offense who possesses a firearm and has been convicted of a dangerous felony unless such individual has had his or her civil rights restored. Specifies that a person possessing a firearm who has been convicted of a dangerous felony commits a Class E felony offense. Removes private educational institutions from the statute prohibiting the possession or carrying of firearms or weapons on school property. Clarifies that the board of directors or other managing body of a private school may elect to prohibit possession or carrying of weapons on campus by posting signage in conformity with the signage required for public schools. Adds additional language to the statute regarding affirmative defense to carrying weapons on school property to include a person demonstrating that the required signage was not posted in conformity with the requirements of state law. Deletes language prohibiting the carrying of weapons in public parks, playgrounds, civic centers and other public buildings. Amends various other firearms provisions. (16 pp.)

*Senate* 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - Failed in House Civil Justice Subcommittee after adopting amendment 1

*Status:* (006146)

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13; Title 49 and Title 70, relative to weapons.

*Position:* Oppose

### **SB161/HB126 Creation of the Opportunity Scholarship Pilot Program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Enacts the "Opportunity Scholarship Pilot Program," which awards scholarships to eligible students in certain LEAs (local education agencies), identified on a list approved by the state board of education as having at least thirty schools in the bottom five percent of schools in overall achievement as determined by the performance standards and other criteria set by the state board.

*Senate* 04/25/17 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee deferred to 05/02/17.

*Status:*

*House* 01/17/18 - Taken off notice in House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, relative to opportunity scholarships.

*Position:* Oppose

### **SB340/HB570 Creation of the Local School District Empowerment Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Powers, Dennis

*Summary:* Creates a pilot program called the "Local School District Empowerment Act," which reestablishes the office of elected school superintendent. Requires the department of education to study the efficiency of the new program. Adjusts duties of local boards of education in systems in which the office of elected school superintendent is reestablished to correlate with the superintendent.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the election of the director of schools.

*Position:* Oppose

### **SB380/HB336 Tennessee Choice & Opportunity Scholarship Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Enacts the Tennessee Choice & Opportunity Scholarship Act, which establishes a scholarship program for students wanting to attend private K-12 schools. In order for a student to be eligible for the scholarship program, the student must reside in Tennessee and be zoned to attend or enrolled in a public school that is identified as being in the bottom five percent of schools in overall achievement as determined by the state board of education. The student must be above five years of age or will become five years of age on or before August 15 of each year. Eligibility for the program can extend until the student graduates from high school, but the student must be less than twenty-two years

of age by August 15 of each year. The student must be a member of a household whose annual income during the year prior to initial receipt of a scholarship met the requirements for free or reduced price lunch, and was previously enrolled in a Tennessee public school during the two semesters immediately preceding the semester in which the student receives a scholarship for enrolling in a Tennessee school for the first time or received a scholarship in the previous school year. The annual scholarship amount a student can be eligible for, is the cost of tuition and fees that would otherwise be charged by the school, or the amount representing the per pupil state and local funds generated and required through the basic education program for the LEA in which the student resides and is zoned to attend. The total number of scholarships awarded statewide for the 2017–2018 school year, shall not exceed five thousand scholarships. For the 2018–2019 school year, no more than seven thousand five hundred scholarships. For the 2019–2020 school year, no more than ten thousand scholarships. For the 2020–2021 school year and thereafter, no more than twenty thousand scholarships shall be awarded. Allows private schools in Tennessee to voluntarily agree to participate in the program and enroll eligible students, but the participating private school must provide notice, on an annual basis, of intent to participate in the program to the department of education through an application developed by the department. The participating school must be identified as a category I, II, or III school, annually administer to scholarship students state assessments as provided or nationally recognized norm-referenced tests; provide the parents of scholarship students the results of their individual student's annual assessments, provide the department of education with graduation rates of scholarship students as well as other student information, and comply with nondiscrimination policies. Requires participating schools to submit to the department a financial audit conducted by a certified public accountant, and provide lunch to scholarship students at no cost or at a reduced cost pursuant to the same income qualifications established under the National School Lunch Program. Requires the department of education to determine and approve school and student eligibility and participation; if the number of eligible students who submit applications exceeds the permissible number of scholarships available statewide or the available seats at participating schools for any grade level, the department shall conduct a random selection process to award scholarships that provides each eligible student with an equal opportunity for selection. The department may suspend or terminate a school's participation in the program, if the department determines the school has failed to comply with the requirements outlined in code section 49-1-1203 (A) of the bill. If a participating school is suspended or terminated from the program, or if the school otherwise withdraws from the program, scholarship students enrolled at the school may transfer to another participating school without loss of scholarship eligibility and such students shall be given preference for enrollment.

*Senate* 03/22/17 - Failed in Senate Education Committee after adopting amendment 1 (004843).

*Status:*

*House* 02/07/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, relative to the Tennessee Choice & Opportunity Scholarship Act.

*Position:* Oppose



## **SB395/HB460 Empowerment Scholarship Account Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Enacts the "Empowerment Scholarship Account Act," which establishes a program whereby parents may utilize funds in an empowerment scholarship account (ESA) to pay the education expenses of enrolling their eligible students/children in a nonpublic school that is participating in the program instead of enrolling in a public school. Requires the department of education to create a standard form that a parent of a student may submit to establish the student's eligibility for an ESA, establish annual enrollment periods for parents to apply for the program, provide parents of participating students with a written explanation of the allowable uses of an ESA, ensure that lower-income families are made aware of the program and eligibility requirements, and post on its website a list of participating schools for each school year, the grades taught in the school, and other information that the department determines shall assist parents in selecting a participating school. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, enrollment in the program shall be limited to the equivalent of one-half of one percent of the estimated statewide total public school enrollment in the prior school year. New enrollment shall increase by an additional one-half of one percent of the statewide enrollment each school year thereafter. If there are more applicants than ESAs available due to this section, the department shall award ESAs on a random lottery basis with preference granted to children who have a parent who is a member of the armed forces of the United States and who is on active duty or was killed in the line of duty, foster children who have achieved permanency through adoption or permanent guardianship, or who are residing with a prospective permanent placement and the case plan is adoption or permanent guardianship, and children who are members of a household whose annual income during the year prior to initial enrollment in the program met the requirements for free or reduced price lunch; or who reside in an LEA with at least one school in the bottom five percent of schools in overall achievement as determined by the performance standards and other criteria set by the state board of education. Parents must also sign an agreement to provide an education for the participating student in, at a minimum, the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies, and science. Parents must also not enroll their eligible student in a public school and must release the local education agency in which the student resides and is zoned to attend from all obligations to educate the student. A participating student enrolled in the program shall forfeit program eligibility and further access to the student's ESA account if the student enrolls in a public school, graduates from high school, or reaches twenty-two years of age by August 15 for the next school year, whichever occurs first. A participating student may return to the student's LEA at any time after enrolling in the program in compliance with rules promulgated by the state board of education; upon a participating student's return to the student's LEA, the student's ESA shall be closed, and any remaining funds shall be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the basic education program (BEP) account of the education trust fund. Any funds remaining in a student's ESA upon graduation from high school may be used to attend or take courses from an eligible postsecondary institution, with qualifying expenses. Upon a participating student's graduation from a postsecondary institution or after any period of four consecutive years after high school graduation in which the student is not enrolled in an eligible

postsecondary institution, the participating student's ESA shall be closed, and any remaining funds shall be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the basic education program (BEP) account of the education trust fund. Only the department of education may deposit funds into an ESA, but does not prohibit parents or third parties on a parent's behalf from making payments for the costs of educational programs and services not covered by the funds in the ESA. Requires that a parent ensure that the participating student is annually administered, in the student's eligible participating school, either a nationally norm-referenced test identified by the department of education or the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests or any future replacements of the TCAP tests. Students with disabilities for whom standardized testing is not appropriate, as determined on the student's IEP, are exempt from this requirement. The results of the tests are provided to the department or an organization chosen by the department on an annual basis, beginning with the first year of testing. The department, or an organization chosen by the department, shall annually produce and publish a report, in compliance with all state and federal privacy laws, to be made available on the department's website. The report shall include: Student performance on state achievement tests or nationally norm-referenced tests, including learning gains, high school graduation rates, the percentage of funds used for each qualifying expense, the fiscal impact to the state and resident school districts of the program, including the impact on revenue and the impact on expenses, and a report on the fiscal savings associated with students departing public schools, regardless of whether a public school from which a student would have attended reduces its spending accordingly. The department shall provide the chair of the senate education committee, the chair of the house of representatives education administration and planning committee, and the chair of the house of representatives education instruction and programs committee with a final copy of the report. The department may remove any participating student from eligibility for an ESA for failure to comply with the terms of the contract or applicable laws, rules, or orders, or if the student or student's parent knowingly misuses monies or knowingly fails to comply with the terms of the contract with intent to defraud. If the department suspends or terminates a school's participation, the department shall notify affected participating students and parents of the decision. If a participating school is suspended, terminated, or withdraws from the program, affected participating students shall remain eligible to participate in the program until a disqualifying event occurs. All ESAs shall be subject to random and quarterly audits as needed by the comptroller of the treasury. The funds in an ESA may be used only for educational purposes. Participating schools, eligible postsecondary institutions, and providers that enroll participating students shall provide parents with a receipt for all qualifying expenses at the school or institution.

*Senate* 03/22/17 - Senate Education Committee deferred to the first calendar of 2018.  
*Status:*  
*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning  
*Status:* Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, relative to the "Empowerment Scholarship Account Act."  
*Position:* Oppose

**SB508/HB475 Election of the director of schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Gravitt, Marc

*Summary:* Requires the office of research and education accountability (OREA) in the office of the comptroller of the treasury to examine the effectiveness of allowing LEAs to elect a director of schools instead of allowing the local board of education to appoint a director of schools. Requires the OREA to report findings and recommendations to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives by February 1, 2019. Specifies several questions to be addressed in the report. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the election of the director of schools.

*Position:* Oppose

**SB573/HB715 Students diagnosed with disability may be considered for Individualized Education Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Moody, Debra

*Summary:* Expands eligibility of students for the Individual Education act to those who have been diagnosed with a disability by a licensed physician or psychologist.

*Senate* 03/08/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/07/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 14, relative to the eligibility requirements for the Individual Education Act.

*Position:* Oppose

**SB582/HB1039 Nonpartisan election requirements revised for cities greater than 100,000.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Requires partisan elections in municipalities with a population of 100,000 or greater. Also requires partisan elections in all school board elections.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 49, relative to partisan elections.

*Position:* Oppose

**SB653/HB363 Possession of firearms in certain places.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Zachary, Jason

*Summary:* Authorizes a handgun carry permit holder to carry a handgun into government-operated buildings unless there are metal detectors and armed security guards stationed at all public entrances.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/22/17 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the possession of firearms in certain places.

*Position:* Oppose

### **SB731/HB793 Provisions on director of schools salary.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Sparks, Mike

*Summary:* Prohibits a local board of education from approving a raise in salary or compensation for the director of schools that is higher than the salary of the governor.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/25/18 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 01/30/18.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to salary or compensation.

*Position:* Oppose

### **SB762/HB1136 ASD operated charter school to be operated by the state board of education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Casada, Glen

*Summary:* Allows an achievement school district operated charter school to be operated by the state board of education if benchmarks agreed upon by the achievement school district and charter school in the original charter application are met or exceeded.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 13; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 7 and Title 49, Chapter 8, relative to charter school authorizers.

*Position:* Oppose

### **SB987/HB1109 Requirements for IEA.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Deberry Jr., John

*Summary:* Removes requirement that an eligible student be previously enrolled in a public school for two semesters prior to receiving an individualized education account, attend a Tennessee school for the first time, or receive an account in the previous school year in order to be considered eligible to receive an individualized education account. Broadly

captioned.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Senate Education Committee recommended. Sent to Senate Finance.

*Status:*

*House* 04/05/17 - House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee deferred to

*Status:* 01/01/18.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

*Position:* Oppose

### **SB1124/HB1258 Prohibits an LEA from closing a school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

*Summary:* Beginning July 1, 2017, prohibits an LEA from closing a school. Requires the office of research and education accountability (OREA), with the assistance of the department of education, to conduct a five-year study on the impact of closing a school in a community. Requires OREA to report to the education committees of the senate and house no later than March 1, 2022.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee deferred to

*Status:* Summer Study.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to school closings.

*Position:* Oppose

### **SB1341/HB884 Carrying of firearms by the holder of a valid handgun carry permit.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Matheny, Judd

*Summary:* Allows the holder of a valid handgun permit to carry firearms at all times and places within Tennessee unless the permit holder is consuming an alcoholic beverage, is under the influence of a controlled substance, is attending a judicial proceeding, or is on school grounds and has not notified school administration.

*Senate* 03/21/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/17/18 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee deferred to firearms and ammunition

*Status:* calendar.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(b), relative to the carrying of firearms by the holder of a valid handgun carry permit.

*Position:* Oppose

### **SB1344/HB767 Prohibition on coming into direct contact with school children.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Exempts employers and employees who have been convicted of disqualifying offenses that occurred twenty (20) or more years between the date of the person's last conviction and the date on which the criminal history records check is conducted on the person, from the prohibition of coming into direct contact with school children or with children in a

*Senate* child care program.  
04/18/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Judiciary Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/16/18 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 49, relative to disqualifying offenses for teaching or child care positions.

*Position:* Oppose

## **SB1404/HB1242 Prohibits school board member from working in another school district in Shelby County.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Cooper, Barbara

*Summary:* Allows only persons who are residents of the area served by a local education agency to be eligible to serve on the school board of education in Shelby county, but prohibits any person seeking to serve on the Shelby county board of education who is an employee of another school district within the county, from serving on the county board of education. Does not apply to persons already serving but does apply, if the criteria in bill fits, once a person's current term has ended.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to local boards of education in counties having a population in excess of seven hundred thousand (700,000) persons.

*Position:* Oppose

## **SUPPORT**

### **SB9/HB12 Community service hours for blood donation for TN Promise Scholarship recipients.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Gives one hour of community service credit to recipients of the Tennessee Promise Scholarship who make a blood donation. Requires TSAC to promulgate by rule the documentation required in order for a student to obtain community service credit for a blood donation.

*Senate* 02/15/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708, relative to the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Act of 2014.

*Position:* Support

### **SB126/HB930 Tennessee Rural Broadband Grant Expansion Program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. Rudd, Tim

*Summary:* Enacts the Tennessee Rural Broadband Grant Expansion Program to be administered by the TRA. Requires TRA to hold a workshop, create a program, and make broadband expansion grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of funding the construction, expansion, or operation of broadband infrastructure in underserved areas. Also requires TRA to establish criteria for evaluating applications and issuing orders awarding grants under this section.

*Senate* 03/14/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 10; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to the Tennessee rural broadband expansion grant program.

*Position:* Support

### **SB137/HB127 Age requirement for school bus endorsement on driver license.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harris, Lee , Rep. Favors, JoAnne

*Summary:* Increases the age limit from 21 to 25 for a person's eligibility to receive the school bus endorsement on a driver license. Grandfathers in persons between the ages of 21 and 25 years who are seeking a renewal of an existing endorsement held by the applicant as of June 30, 2017.

*Senate* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/11/17 - Taken off notice in House Transportation Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, relative to school bus drivers.

*Position:* Support

### **SB149/HB89 Restrictions for hiring school bus drivers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Rogers, Courtney

*Summary:* Places restrictions on receiving school bus driver license endorsements or being hired as a school bus driver for drivers who have previously committed serious traffic violations, including excessive speeding or reckless driving.

*Senate* 04/13/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (006167).

*Status:*

*House* 05/03/17 - Held on House clerk's desk.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, relative to school bus drivers.

*Position:* Support

## **SB204/HB263 Limits state-mandated standardized testings times based on grade level.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Butt, Sheila

*Summary:* Requires that no student be administered state-mandated standardized tests for a total time period per academic year greater than the specific grade level of the student. Limits state-mandated standardized testing to a maximum of 8 hours per academic year. Excludes ACT, SAT, or other assessments used to assess postsecondary readiness . Excludes locally administered assessments. Excludes students with disabilities for whom additional testing time is appropriate based on the student's IEP.

*Senate* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to standardized testing limits.

*Position:* Support

## **SB222/HB410 Physical activity requirements for students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Ragan, John

*Summary:* Removes the requirement of a minimum of three 15-minute periods of non-structured physical activity per day for students in grades K-1. Also removes the requirement of a minimum of two 20-minute periods of non-structured physical activity at least four days a week for grades 2-6. Requires LEAs with elementary school students to integrate a minimum of two 20-minute periods of non-structured physical activity at least four days each week. Clarifies that the definition of "non-structured physical activity" means a temporary withdrawal or cessation from usual school work or sedentary activities during which an opportunity for rigorous physical activity is provided and does not mean walking to and from class. Also defines "physical education program."

*Senate* 03/08/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - House sponsor changed from Byrd to Ragan.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to physical activity for students.

*Position:* Support

## **SB247/HB124 LEAs to survey students regarding availability of internet access in their homes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires each LEA to survey students, within one month of the start of the 2017-2018 school year, as to the availability of internet access in their homes and report results to the department of education. Requires the department of education to report the results to the governor, the education committee of the senate, and the education administration



and planning committee of the house of representatives by December 15, 2017. Broadly

*Senate* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) education.

*Position:* Support

### **SB249/HB97 Offerings of rigorous high school classes that prepare students for college.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to form a partnership with a national nonprofit education organization to increase the offerings of rigorous high school classes that prepare students for college and that provide college credit through examination. Specifies that the partnership shall be known as the Tennessee College Credit Partnership (TCCP). Also specifies that the partnership shall make available professional development to enable teachers of postsecondary credit courses to have the necessary content knowledge and instructional skills to prepare students for success on the course examinations and mastery of postsecondary course content. Requires, subject to appropriations, the state to fund payment of college credit examination fees and career and technical certification or licensure examination fees.

*Senate* 05/09/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 05/08/17 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to rigorous school coursework.

*Position:* Support

### **SB301/HB950 Electric cooperatives providing broadband internet access.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Permits electric cooperatives to provide broadband internet access and related services without any limitations that are not otherwise placed on other private providers of telecommunication services.

*Senate* 04/03/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 10; Title 65; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to communications services.

*Position:* Support

**SB334/HB354 Assigning of schools or grade configurations to the ASD.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harper, Thelma , Rep. Beck, Bill

*Summary:* Permits the commissioner of education to assign certain schools or grade configurations within certain schools to the ASD unless the parents of 60 percent of the children enrolled at the school object by signing a petition, at which time the LEA may agree to certain alternate interventions for the school.

*Senate* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to achievement school districts.

*Position:* Support

**SB335/HB353 Regulations for the achievement school district.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harper, Thelma , Rep. Beck, Bill

*Summary:* Prohibits the ASD (achievement school district), or select charter schools, from including grades other than those the school served before its assignment to the ASD. Bans the ASD from recruiting students zoned for another school if a school is assigned to the ASD.

*Senate* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the achievement school district.

*Position:* Support

**SB383/HB700 Storm water user's fee exemptions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Brooks, Kevin

*Summary:* Exempts LEAs from paying graduated storm water user's fee.

*Senate* 03/27/17 - Failed in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to storm water user's fee exemptions.

*Position:* Support

**SB400/HB288 Creating the Leader in Me® pilot program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Creates a three-year pilot program beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, to provide grants to elementary and middle schools to implement the Leader in Me® pilot program. Allows schools to apply to the department of education for a grant until January 1, 2018.

Limits the total amount of grants provided by the department to \$2,000,000 in the 2018-2019 school year, \$2,000,000 in the 2019-2020 school year, and \$1,000,000 in the 2020-2021 school year. Requires the department to give the grants to no more than 50 schools and in all 3 grand divisions of the state equally, with preference first to priority schools, then to schools in LEAs with a fiscal capacity in the lowest 50% of all LEAs, and finally to all other schools that apply to participate. Requires that the grant given to each participating school be in an amount sufficient to pay for the full implementation of the Leader in Me® program. Requires the office of research and education accountability (OREA) to study the pilot program and issue a report to the education committee of the senate and the education instruction and programs committee of the house of representatives on the effectiveness of the pilot program after the second year of the pilot program by no later than December 31, 2020. Gives instruction for the format of the report to the OREA.

*Senate* 05/09/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 05/08/17 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to creating the Leader in Me® pilot program.

*Position:* Support

### **SB481/HB501 Adds funding for three Response to Instruction and Intervention positions within each public school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Pitts, Joe

*Summary:* Adds funding for three Response to Instruction and Intervention positions within each public school to the BEP calculation.

*Senate* 03/24/17 - Senate sponsor changed from Green to Tracy.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - House Education Administration and Planning Committee deferred to Summer Study.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, relative to funding.

*Position:* Support

### **SB534/HB503 Increases the number of BEP funded full-time public school nurse positions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Increases the number of BEP funded full-time public school nurse positions from one for every 3,000 students to one for every 750 students. Increases the number of full-time public school nurses considered sufficient for the public school nurse program to adequately provide services from one nurse for every 3,000 students to one nurse for every 750 students.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee deferred to Summer Study.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 12, relative to school nurses.

*Position:* Support

### **SB535/HB524 Administrative hearing procedures available to LEAs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Authorizes the commissioner of education to determine if a local education agency is not in compliance with state law or the rules and regulations governing the LEA's administration or operation, to withhold state funds from the LEA as a form of penalty, punishment, or sanction. The commissioner must submit written notice to the LEA of the commissioner's decision within five (5) business days. The LEA is entitled to a hearing on the merits of the commissioner's decision, which must be conducted by an administrative judge employed in the administrative procedures division of the office of the secretary of state. A decision of the administrative judge constitutes a final order that is not reviewable by the department of education, and may be directly appealed to the chancery court of Davidson County or to the chancery court in the county in which the LEA is located.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to administrative hearing procedures available to local education agencies.

*Position:* Support

### **SB536/HB449 Report on Response to Instruction and Intervention framework.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires the office of research and education accountability to study the Response to Instruction and Intervention framework and submit a report on its implementation in elementary schools to the members of the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives no later than July 1, 2018. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Failed in Senate Education Committee after adopting amendment 1 (005210).

*Status:*

*House* 04/06/17 - House passed with amendment 1 (005210).

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to accountability.

*Position:* Support

### **SB558/HB372 Tom Cronan Physical Education Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Requires each student in elementary school to participate in a physical education class

that meets at least twice per week for no less than 60 minutes total. Requires that the teacher of these classes be licensed with an endorsement in physical education. Allows students with medical conditions or disabilities to be excused from this requirement by a physician's certification in writing. Requires each LEA to file an annual report verifying that it has met these requirements.

*Senate* 05/09/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (004654).

*Status:*

*House* 05/08/17 - Failed in House Finance Subcommittee on a vote of 6-6.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to physical education.

*Position:* Support

### **SB661/HB111 Duties and powers of commissioner of education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Pitts, Joe

*Summary:* Removes the prohibition on the commissioner of education's ability to waive regulatory or statutory requirements related to licensure of employees upon application by an LEA.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-201, relative to powers and duties of the commissioner of education.

*Position:* Support

### **SB831/HB841 K-12 Block Grant Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Fitzhugh, Craig

*Summary:* Enacts the "K-12 Block Grant Act," which distributes block grants to each LEA to improve the quality of education in a manner deemed appropriate by the local board of education. Prohibits block grant funds from being used for salaries or other recurring expenditures. Appropriates \$250 million from excess state tax revenues over collected in fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 for K-12 block grants.

*Senate* 05/09/17 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee deferred to 2018.

*Status:*

*House* 05/09/17 - House passed with amendments 1 (008721) and 2 (008748).

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education funding. This act makes appropriations for kindergarten through grade twelve education funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

*Position:* Support

### **SB859/HB441 Instructional supplies provided to first year teachers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year and annually thereafter, requires the Tennessee basic education program to give five hundred dollars to every first year teacher in kindergarten through grade twelve, subject to available appropriations. The entire five hundred dollars shall be given to each first year teacher by October 31 of each school year so that the teacher may spend it at any time during the school year on instructional supplies as determined necessary by the teacher.

*Senate* 05/02/17 - Failed in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 05/05/17 - House passed with amendment 1 (004504).

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to instructional supplies provided to first year teachers.

*Position:* Support

### **SB929/HB914 Mandatory amount of physical activity for students per week.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Requires each local education agency to integrate a minimum of 150 minutes of physical activity per week for elementary school students and 90 minutes of physical activity per week for middle and high school students.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1021, relative to physical activity for students.

*Position:* Support

### **SB990/HB1104 Home-Rule LEA Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Hill, Timothy

*Summary:* Enacts the Home-Rule LEA Act. Allows local boards of education greater control and governing authority over their school districts. County school systems or city school systems shall be eligible to convert to a home-rule LEA if the system meets or exceeds state average on academic and other standards for three successive years.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, to enact the "Home-Rule LEA Act."

*Position:* Support

### **SB1007/HB1129 Transition for commissioner of education to local education agency from achievement school district.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Creates a timeline for the commissioner of education to transition schools from the operation of the achievement school district back to the local education agency if the achievement school district-operated school fails to improve student achievement.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/07/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the achievement school district.

*Position:* Support

### **SB1030/HB1340 BEP instructional salary unit cost for the 2017–2018 fiscal year.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Camper, Karen

*Summary:* Sets the dollar value of the BEP instructional positions component for the 2017–2018 fiscal year at the statewide average licensed teacher salary as determined for the 2015-2016 school year by the BEP review committee.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to the basic education program (BEP).

*Position:* Support

### **SB1045/HB1410 Providing of broadband services by municipal electrics and electrical cooperatives.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Weaver, Terri

*Summary:* Authorizes municipal electrics and electrical cooperatives to provide telecommunication service, including broadband service either on their own or by joint venture with a third party and regardless of the service area of the electric plant.

*Senate* 04/03/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 6; Title 7; Title 10; Title 65; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to telecommunications, broadband, and related services.

*Position:* Support

### **SB1051/HB617 Assessments for grades 9-12.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Butt, Sheila

*Summary:* Authorizes LEAs to use the ACT, ACT Aspire, or SAT suites of standardized assessments instead of the TCAP, TNReady, and end-of-course exams to test the

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*Status:*  
*House* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.  
*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to testing.  
*Position:* Support

### **SB1058/HB970 Services provided by municipal electric systems.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Howell, Dan  
*Summary:* Authorizes municipal electric companies to provide cable service, two-way video transmission, video programming, and internet services outside its service area.  
*Senate* 04/03/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.  
*Status:*  
*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.  
*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 52, relative to additional authorization to provide broadband, internet, and related services.  
*Position:* Support

### **SB1102/HB1360 Transparency in Charter School Finance Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Mitchell, Bo  
*Summary:* Requires charter schools and their management organizations to be subject to open records law. Requires charter schools to disclose salaries of employees, contracts to pay salaries with third parties, the amount and description of all contract payments exceeding \$10,000, the amount and explanation of all monies received including from the BEP, and payments by charter schools to any business entity exceeding \$1,000 in any fiscal year along with any conflicts of interest between charter management organization members and those business entities.  
*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.  
*Status:*  
*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.  
*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to the Transparency in Charter School Finance Act.  
*Position:* Support

### **SB1144/HB1251 State-mandated assessments.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Byrd, David  
*Summary:* Limits the number of state-mandated assessments by grade and subject. Converts student ACT scores into letter grade equivalents for purposes of calculating certain course grades, including English III, algebra II, chemistry and biology.  
*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*Status:*



*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to state-mandated assessments.

*Position:* Support

### **SB1166/HB915 Changes to the advertisement of the sale of surplus property by local school systems.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Allows the local board of education to decide the method of advertisement of surplus property for at least seven days prior to its sale to the highest bidder.

*Senate* 03/06/17 - Withdrawn in Senate.

*Status:*

*House* 03/02/17 - Withdrawn in House.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the sale or transfer of surplus property.

*Position:* Support

### **SB1256/HB681 Community service credit for volunteering with Keep Tennessee Beautiful program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Grants one hour of community service credit to a recipient of the Tennessee Promise Scholarship for each hour that the recipient volunteers with the Keep Tennessee Beautiful program, which is sponsored by the department of transportation. Requires TSAC to promulgate by rule the documentation that the student must obtain from the Keep Tennessee Beautiful program in order to obtain community service credit.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/21/17 - House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee deferred to  
*Status:* 3/28/17.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to community service.

*Position:* Support

### **SB1292/HB964 Establishing of school board districts.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Hill, Matthew

*Summary:* Permits county boards of education in counties that have at least one city school system and a population of 120,000 or more to establish the school board districts from which the members of the board are elected.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to school board districts.

*Position:* Support

**SB1389/HB1256 Authorizes LEAs flexibility for innovations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Towns Jr., Joe

*Summary:* Permits LEAs the same authority and power to exercise all flexibility granted to public charter schools, including applying for waivers of laws and state board rules. Encourages LEAs to exercise the given flexibility to develop and implement creative and innovative school programs that meet the specific needs of its students.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 13; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to public schools.

*Position:* Support

***NO POSITION***

**SB4/HB357 Board of education prohibited from adopting standards for character learning.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Prohibits board of education from establishing standards or competencies regarding social or emotional learning in public schools.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2; Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3 and Section 49-6-1007, relative to social and emotional learning.

**SB46/HB68 Minors withdrawn from secondary school applying for a motor vehicle license or permit.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Adds HiSET® to the courses a minor student may be enrolled and making satisfactory academic progress in to obtain a driver's license or permit.

*Senate* 02/01/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/17/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

**SB52/HB164 Reporting on driver education courses in public schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to annually report on the availability and content of driver education and training courses in public schools to the education committee of the senate and the education instruction and programs committee of the house. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/01/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB158/HB94 AEDs- The Lovin Law.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Gravitt, Marc

*Summary:* Requires LEAs to place at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) device in each school. Enacts the "Lovin Law" which requires an owner or operator of a public or private facility that occupies 500 or more people, to make available at least one functional AED for emergency use, and ensure that at least one employee of the establishment is properly trained on how to operate and inspect the AED.

*Senate* 03/22/17 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee deferred to 3/29/17.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - House Health Subcommittee deferred to 2018.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 68, relative to automated external defibrillators.

### **SB168/HB131 LEAs- Audit reports.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Changes the time period an LEA must submit a copy of their audit report on school funds to the commissioner of education, from ten days to fifteen business days.

*Senate* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to education finance.

### **SB245/HB112 Career and technical education - soft skills.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Forgy, John

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to develop standards for a one-semester elective course in career and technical education in soft skills, needed for the workplace for students in grades nine through twelve. Soft skills means attributes that enable a person to build effective interpersonal relationships and to interact successfully with others in the business community. Requires each LEA to include an elective soft skills course in its career and technical education program beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Students outside of the career and technical education program can enroll in the soft skill

course, if space is available.

*Senate* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/09/17 - Withdrawn in House.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to career and technical education.

### **SB246/HB118 Possession of pagers by students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Deletes language pertaining to students having an electronic pager without permission, which is a violation of the School Security Act of 1981.

*Senate* 02/02/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/03/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) education.

### **SB250/HB67 Use of alternative growth models by LEAs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Requires LEAs, by the 2018-2019 school year, to use at least one appropriate alternative growth model that has been approved by the state board of education. Requires the department of education to work to develop valid and reliable alternative student growth models for the grade levels and subjects that do not have models.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Set for Senate Education Committee 01/31/18.

*Status:*

*House* 03/06/17 - House passed.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302, relative to education growth models.

### **SB266/HB385 Drinking water in schools built before June 19, 1986.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harris, Lee , Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Requires principals of schools built before June 19, 1986, to flush fixtures used for drinking water and food preparation for at least 60 seconds before the arrival of children each school day.

*Senate* 02/06/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee deferred to

*Status:* 2018.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 68, relative to water in schools.

### **SB360/HB645 Annual report on efforts to enforce the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco and Vapor Products Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Overbey, Doug , Rep. McDaniel, Steve

*Summary:* Requires the department of agriculture's annual report on efforts to enforce the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco and Vapor Products Act be posted on the department's website for dissemination to the public and submitted electronically to the general assembly on or before January 15 of each year.

*Senate* 02/08/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 39; Title 47; Title 49; Title 62; Title 63; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to products containing nicotine.

### **SB381/HB395 Restraint systems required on school buses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Favors, JoAnne

*Summary:* Requires any school bus ordered or purchased on or after July 1, 2018, to be equipped with a restraint system. Also requires any school bus that is currently used to transport students be equipped with a restraint system by July 1, 2023.

*Senate* 05/09/17 - Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee deferred to the first calendar of

*Status:* 2018.

*House* 05/08/17 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 6, relative to restraint systems in school buses.

### **SB382/HB474 Public facilities being named after public officials.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Gravitt, Marc

*Summary:* Creates a new section prohibiting any public facility from being named for an individual public official during the public official's term of office, during the five-year period immediately following the public official's departure from office, or if the public official has been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude. Prohibits charitable donations made by a public official using public funds, to not be made in the name of the public official. The donations must be attributed to the public entity from which the funds originated. Does not apply to current public facilities.

*Senate* 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/10/17 - Held on House clerk's desk.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9 and Title 12, relative to public officials.

### **SB404/HB356 Payroll deduction of dues to professional employees'**

## **organizations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Adds language that allows a local board of education to provide its professional employees payroll deduction for dues of professional employees' organizations, but does not require an LEA to do so. If an LEA makes available to its professional employees payroll deduction for the dues of one professional employees' organization, then the LEA shall make available to its professional employees payroll deduction for the dues of any professional organization; provided, that the requested deduction is made in writing from the professional employee. A professional employee who authorizes a deduction of dues of a professional employees' organization, may at any time, revoke the authorization for payroll deduction. If an LEA provides payroll deduction of dues of a professional employees' organization for its professional employees, then the LEA may withhold up to ten percent of the dues deducted for administrative expenses.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (005795).

*Status:* Sent to Senate Finance.

*House* 04/12/17 - Failed in House Finance Subcommittee after adopting amendment 1

*Status:* (007120).

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to payroll deduction of dues to professional employees' organizations.

## **SB410/HB521 Automated external defibrillators in Tennessee schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Ramsey, Bob

*Summary:* Requires public schools to have AEDs available and to provide training for their use. Encourages private schools to place AEDs as well.

*Senate* 05/09/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - House Finance Subcommittee placed behind the budget with previously

*Status:* adopted amendment 1. House Finance Subcommittee Amendment 1 (006868) deletes and replaces certain language of the original bill such that the only substantive change is to make the purchase of and AED device permissive for elementary and middle schools.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 4, relative to automated external defibrillators in schools.

## **SB412/HB627 Radon testing guidelines.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Kumar, Sabi

*Summary:* Requires radon testing every 5 years for licensed child care agencies and for initial licensure applications or renewal of licenses to prove to department of human services they've been tested within the last 5 years. Must post most current radon measurement clearly and include an explanation of the radon health risk, what levels of radon exposure are dangerous, and contact information for the state's radon program.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee deferred to Summer Study.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Health Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 5; Title 49,

Chapter 1, Part 11 and Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to radon testing.

### **SB450/HB401 Registration of buses used to transport students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires that a bus that is used exclusively for the transportation of students pursuant to a contract with an LEA be registered as a passenger motor vehicle instead of a motor vehicle operating for hire.

*Senate* 05/09/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 05/08/17 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to registration of buses used exclusively for transportation of students.

### **SB451/HB1072 Deadline for the submission of science textbooks and instructional materials by textbook publishers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Extends the 2017 deadline for the submission of science textbooks and instructional materials by textbook publishers to the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission to a date to be determined by the commission. Also extends the 2017 start date of the review period by the advisory panel appointed to review textbooks and instructional materials to coincide with the extended deadline for the submission of such items by publishers. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 22, relative to textbooks and instructional materials.

### **SB455/HB490 Transmission of documents requested by a noncustodial parent electronically.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Lollar, Ron

*Summary:* Allows an LEA to transmit documents requested by a noncustodial parent electronically if the requesting parent has provided an email address to the LEA.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/22/17 - Taken off notice in House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, relative to child custody.

### **SB462/HB392 Installation of cameras on school buses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Brooks, Kevin

*Summary:* Permits an LEA to purchase exterior cameras for school buses to record images of motor vehicles that fail to stop upon approaching a school bus with lights flashing and stop sign extended. Specifies that registered owner of vehicle will be held responsible for violation as reviewed by the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be given a notice of violation. Details allocation of revenue from fine proceeds. Requires LEA ensure warning sign of camera is visible and to report on a monthly basis the data concerning cameras installation and violation enforcement.

*Senate* 05/04/17 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee after adopting amendment 1 (006847).

*Status:*

*House* 05/08/17 - House passed with amendment 1 (006847).

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to recording devices on school buses.

### **SB470/HB917 Report on the remediation services provided to students who fail a required examination.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Changes the date when an LEA must submit a report to the commissioner of education on the remediation services provided to students who fail a required examination from September 30 to October 1. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/17/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB471/HB916 Commissioner of education responsibilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Byrd, David

*Summary:* Requires commissioner of education to post guidelines of the timely and responsible release of education data for research purposes to the department's website. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB476/HB515 Civics test requirement for graduation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Daniel, Martin

*Summary:* Requires students to pass the civics test in order to graduate from high school with a regular diploma.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/22/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*



*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-408, relative to civics education.

### **SB493/HB708 Department of education to post annual report on its website.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Whitson, Sam

*Summary:* Permits the department of education to post its annual report on the department's website in lieu of distributing the report. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB495/HB665 LEA policy on use of internet.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Hill, Matthew

*Summary:* Requires all LEA personnel to verify that the LEA's policy on use of the internet has been read prior to accepting an employment contract or at the renewal of an employment contract. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB496/HB563 Tennessee financial literacy commission - to post annual report on the department of the treasury website.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Crawford , John

*Summary:* Requires the Tennessee financial literacy commission to post its annual report on the department of the treasury website.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB500 Requirements for individualized education account.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian ,

*Summary:* Removes requirements for students with disabilities to receive an individualized education account. Specifies that attendance of a public school for at least two semesters or attendance of a Tennessee school for the first time are no longer requirements to receive an individualized education account.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, relative to the Individualized Education Act.

### **SB515/HB1085 Allocation of state-shared taxes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Sexton, Jerry

*Summary:* Allocates the 1 percent state sales tax increase implemented in 2002 to be divided into 75 percent (to cities 25 percent, to rural counties 25 percent, and to urban counties 25 percent) and 25 percent (to the state general fund). Prohibits a city or county with other post-employment benefits liability from receiving the special allocation if the city or county is not current on its payments.

*Senate* 03/21/17 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, relative to state-shared taxes.

### **SB539/HB991 Change of contact info for checker of school buses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. White, Dawn

*Summary:* Reduces the period of time in which a change in the contact information of a checker designated to make sure that no person remains on a school bus must be submitted to a local board of education from 10 to five days. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Transportation Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21; Title 55, Chapter 8 and Title 55, Chapter 9, relative to school transportation.

### **SB541/HB990 School attendance requirements for minor child.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. White, Dawn

*Summary:* Exempts a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a minor child from ensuring that the child has proper attendance, if the child is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a general educational development certificate (GED®) or High School Equivalency Test credential (HiSET®).

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K- 12) education.

### **SB567/HB920 Study on weight of textbooks.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Overbey, Doug , Rep. Coley, Jim

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of education to perform a study regarding the weight of

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textbooks once every five years and make recommendations to the education committees of the house and senate. Allows study to be done more often if the commissioner determines it to be necessary. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/13/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB569/HB925 State-approved Montessori schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Butt, Sheila

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to approve a Montessori program as a Category I school if the program meets all state requirements for approval except for licensure requirements. Allows a Montessori program to apply to the commissioner of education for a waiver of any state board rule that hinders the programs ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission statement. Specifies regulatory requirements a Montessori program or the commissioner cannot waive. Outlines requirements an individual must meet in order to be issued a license to teach at a school that primarily uses the Montessori method of instruction. Requires an individual who receives such license to complete eighteen hours of professional development training that is specific to the Montessori program annually.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to state-approved Montessori schools.

### **SB572/HB997 Revises criteria that determine a student's assignment to a school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. White, Dawn

*Summary:* Includes teacher evaluations and student performance on assessments while a student of the teacher as factors that determine a student's assignment to a public school. Requires the department of education to conduct a study relative to student placement and teacher effectiveness.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 31, relative to the assignment of students to a public school.

### **SB574/HB72 Standards review and development committees and**

### **advisory teams.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Eldridge, Jimmy

*Summary:* Requires the standards review and development committees and advisory teams appointed by the state board of education to review the academic standards for English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies every seven years, beginning in 2022.

*Senate* 05/09/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 05/08/17 - House Finance Subcommittee deferred to 2018.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3, relative to the standards recommendation committees.

### **SB577/HB42 Department of education bicycle safety curriculum.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Butt, Sheila

*Summary:* Urges the department of education to include the proper use and positioning of bicycle helmets in its pilot bicycle safety curriculum. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

### **SB578/HB75 Notice for construction of or additions to school buildings.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Changes the number of days' notice that must be given by an LEA before accepting bids for construction of or additions to school buildings from 10 days to 10 business days.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/01/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

### **SB579/HB1160 Minimum requirements for persons entering teacher training programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Coley, Jim

*Summary:* Requires persons applying for entrance in teacher training programs to attain a minimum ACT, GED, or HiSET score and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in high school or graduate with an associate degree with a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 for all college coursework.

*Senate* 02/09/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, relative to teacher training programs.

### **SB581/HB885 Anti-Semitism Awareness Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Matheny, Judd

*Summary:* Reinforces the department of justice's and federal department of education's prohibition of discrimination against Jews. Defines "anti-Semitism" as a certain perception of Jews which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Recognizes that anti-Semitism remains a distinct problem in Tennessee's schools, and Jewish students are being harassed, threatened, or intimidated in their own schools. Seeks to take the federal definition of anti-Semitism and have the Tennessee department of education use it to determine whether an investigation of anti-Semitism is warranted.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Senate Education Committee deferred to Summer Study.

*Status:*

*House* 04/05/17 - House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee deferred to  
*Status:* 01/01/18.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act.

### **SB619/HB631 Water quality in public schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harris, Lee , Rep. Staples, Rick

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to promulgate rules, in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, to implement a program to reduce the potential sources of lead contamination in drinking water in public schools by; periodically testing of lead levels in drinking water sources at school facilities that were constructed prior to June 19, 1986, and by utilizing samples consisting of the first two hundred fifty milliliters drawn of water that has sat in plumbing overnight to identify lead levels that exceed twenty parts per billion. The board must provide notice of the result of any lead level test that exceeds twenty parts per billion to the commissioner of environment and conservation within twenty-four hours of receipt of test results. The board must notify the parents and guardians of all students who attend a school where the results of a retest for lead levels exceeded twenty parts per billion.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/25/18 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 01/30/18.  
*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to water quality in schools.

### **SB631/HB727 Graduation requirements - instruction in American government and Tennessee history.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell , Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Requires students to complete one year of instruction in American government and one year of instruction in Tennessee history between grades 7 and 12 in order to receive a high school diploma. Specifies exceptions to this requirement.

*Senate* 04/24/17 - Senate passed with amendment 1 (006822) and amendment 4 (007755).

*Status:*

*House* 05/08/17 - House Finance Subcommittee deferred to 2018.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to graduation requirements.

### **SB632/HB1018 LEAs to use the ACT standards for high school English, language arts, math, and science courses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to adopt rules requiring that LEAs use the ACT standards for high school English, language arts, math, and science courses and the ACT WorkKeys® and National Career Readiness Certificate™ standards for high school English language arts and math courses. Also requires the state board of education to ensure that the standards adopted align with the TCAP tests, inclusive of achievement, end of course, and comprehensive writing assessments.

*Senate* 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

### **SB638/HB358 TSEA dues cannot be automatically deducted from state employees' payroll.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Sexton, Cameron

*Summary:* Removes provisions authorizing the Tennessee State Employees Association to automatically deduct association dues from the payroll of state employees.

*Senate* 04/04/17 - Taken off notice in Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/22/17 - Taken off notice in House State Government Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 8; Title 41 and Title 49, relative to employee associations.

### **SB646/HB977 Eligibility for Tennessee Promise scholarship.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Calfee, Kent

*Summary:* Permits students enrolled in an apprentice training program to be eligible for the Tennessee Promise scholarship if they would otherwise meet all of the requirements for the scholarship.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 7 and Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to eligibility for postsecondary financial assistance from net

lottery proceeds.

### **SB660/HB1269 Indoor air quality for schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne

*Summary:* Each LEA shall conduct an annual inspection and evaluation program, such as the environmental protection agency's indoor air quality tools for schools program, for its facilities between September 1 and December 31 each year. The LEA shall, by January 15 of each year, submit evaluation results to the Tennessee Energy Efficient Schools Council (EESC) for review so that the correction of deficiencies may receive a high priority for available funding. Program shall include creating strategies for providing adequate outdoor air, testing for radon; separating students and staff from construction and renovation areas; providing adequate ventilation from dangerous chemicals and maintaining appropriate humidity levels during hot and humid summers.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/14/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-121, relative to indoor air quality for schools.

### **SB672/HB1053 Prohibits using public buildings or facilities for campaign activities for all popularly elected officials.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harris, Lee , Rep. Matlock, Jimmy

*Summary:* Does not exclude public officers and employees from provision of unlawful use of public buildings for campaign activity for a single candidate, party, or measure.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Local Government Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 19, Part 2, relative to the Little Hatch Act.

### **SB689/HB582 Filing of an interlocal agreement with comptroller.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Sen. Swann, Art

*Summary:* Reduces the number of days from 90 to 60 after execution that an interlocal agreement entered into by local government entities must be filed in the office of the comptroller of the treasury if the interlocal agreement creates a joint venture.

*Senate* 04/11/17 - Senate State & Local Government Committee recommended with amendment 1 (006752). Sent to Senate Finance.

*House* 04/17/17 - Withdrawn in House.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 21; Title 12, Chapter 9 and Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to interlocal agreements.

### **SB722/HB640 Hearing to contest the reasonableness of a student assignment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Overbey, Doug , Rep. Coley, Jim

*Summary:* Requires a local board of education to hold a hearing within 30 days of, rather than within a reasonable time after, its receipt of an application for a hearing to contest the reasonableness of a student assignment. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Senate Education Committee referred to the BEP review committee after adopting amendment 1 (006811).

*House* 04/11/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB730/HB902 Scholars Summer Guide provided by LEAs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Kumar, Sabi

*Summary:* Requires LEAs to require teachers to provide each student with a Scholars Summer Guide prior to the last day of each school year, detailing information on how the student can prepare for the next year, including any summer reading or assignments.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Set for Senate Education Committee 01/31/18.

*Status:*

*House* 04/20/17 - House passed with amendment 1 (006966).

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the Scholars Summer Guide.

### **SB759/HB900 Annual reports regarding investigating and prosecuting TennCare fraud.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Beavers, Mae , Rep. Williams, Ryan

*Summary:* Requires the inspector general within the department of finance and administration and the director of the Tennessee bureau of investigation to present their annual reports regarding investigating and prosecuting TennCare fraud to the health and welfare committee of the senate and the health committee of the house of representatives.

*Senate* 03/30/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Health Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 13; Title 49 and Title 71, relative to fraud.

### **SB771/HB888 Use of restrooms and locker rooms at public schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Beavers, Mae , Sen. Pody, Mark

*Summary:* Requires students in public schools and public institutions of higher education to use restrooms and locker rooms that are assigned to persons of the same sex as that shown on the students' birth certificates.

*Senate* 03/22/17 - Failed in Senate Education Committee for lack of a motion.



*Status:*  
*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning  
*Status:* Subcommittee.  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to student restrooms and locker rooms.

### **SB774/HB795 Annual written report for validity in teacher evaluations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Beavers, Mae , Rep. Terry, Bryan  
*Summary:* Requires the department of education to provide a written report at least annually that details the evidence of validity in teacher evaluations, the areas needed for improvement, and efforts being made to improve validity. Requires the report to be made available on the department's website. Also requires the report to be distributed to the education committees of the house and senate and the director of schools of each LEA. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.  
*Status:*  
*House* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.  
*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the validity of state-mandated assessments.

### **SB777/HB717 Reporting requirements established in effort to discover impact and reduce abuse of opioids.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Johnson, Curtis  
*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of health by January 15, 2018 report to the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate on the impact of recent legislation regulating and licensing pain management clinics in reducing the abuse of opioids in the state. Necessitates the commissioner also make appropriate recommendations for any additional legislation to address issues raised by opioid abuse.  
*Senate* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Health & Welfare Committee.  
*Status:*  
*House* 04/12/17 - Taken off notice in House Health Subcommittee.  
*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 49; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to substance abuse.

### **SB779/HB706 Fairview High School students to participate in dual enrollment at Columbia State Community College.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Whitson, Sam  
*Summary:* Creates a tuition assistance program from proceeds of the state lottery to develop a two-year pilot program that allows Fairview High School students to participate in dual enrollment at Columbia State Community College and earn an associate degree in advanced manufacturing courses. Requires TSAC to create and application and selection process for students.

*Senate* 04/04/17 - Senate Education Committee recommended with amendment 1 (006326).  
*Status:* Sent to Senate Finance.  
*House* 05/08/17 - Taken off notice in House Finance Subcommittee.  
*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, relative to dual enrollment.

### **SB805/HB1278 Clarifies who constitutes a parent for presence on school premises.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Love Jr., Harold  
*Summary:* Clarifies who is a parent for purposes of being on school premises. Defines "parent" to include a parent, foster parent, legal guardian, or person having physical custody of a child.  
*Senate* 04/05/17 - Senate Education Committee deferred to 2018.  
*Status:*  
*House* 01/16/18 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.  
*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB862/HB1125 Alternative programs for suspended and expelled students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio  
*Summary:* Requires local boards of education, in consultation with the state board of education, to adopt a policy mandating attendance at an alternative school or alternative program upon suspension or expulsion from school.  
*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*Status:*  
*House* 03/07/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.  
*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to alternative programs for suspended and expelled students.

### **SB865/HB1005 State board of education to review defensive driver education courses every two years.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Holt, Andy  
*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to review defensive driver education courses every two years for inclusion of any improvements. Current law specifies three years. Broadly captioned.  
*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.  
*Status:*  
*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.  
*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 curriculum.

**SB877/HB1314 Providing students information on how to vote.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harris, Lee , Rep. Turner, Johnnie

*Summary:* Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, requires public and private schools to provide students in grade 12 information on how to vote. Specifies that such information should include how to register to vote, how to vote in an election using a ballot, and how to vote using an absentee ballot. Allows schools to provide this information through activities, written materials, internet resources, mock elections, and any other method chosen by the principal after consultation with teachers.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to providing students information on how to vote.

**SB898/HB1377 Modifies BEP program funding.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Sargent, Charles

*Summary:* Requires an LEA that receives less than 80 percent of the previous year's basic education program funding to receive an increase of at least three percent in funding each school year until 80 percent is reached.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/19/17 - House Finance Subcommittee deferred to 01/01/18.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, relative to the basic education program.

**SB915/HB996 Approved school budget available on website.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. White, Dawn

*Summary:* Requires a local board of education to make the budget approved by the board available to the public on the board's website. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 49, relative to school budgets.

**SB934/HB134 Review of contract and amendment proposals by fiscal review committee.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Extends from 40 days to 45 days the time for review and comment by the fiscal review committee as to certain state contract and amendment proposals filed with the committee.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*Status:*  
*House* 02/03/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 56; Title 12; Title 41, Chapter 22 and Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to procurement.

### **SB965/HB999 Annual report on efforts to enforce Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco and Vapor Products Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. White, Dawn

*Summary:* Requires the department of agriculture's annual report on efforts to enforce the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco and Vapor Products Act be posted on the department's website for dissemination to the public and submitted electronically to the general assembly on or before January 15 of each year. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 39; Title 47; Title 49; Title 62; Title 63; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to products containing nicotine.

### **SB978/HB1078 Student opting out of email advertisements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Niceley, Frank , Rep. Sexton, Jerry

*Summary:* Permits students to indicate that they do not wish to receive electronic advertisements and solicitations if students' email addresses are used in campus directories. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB980/HB1070 Annual reporting requirement for the model laboratory school program advisory committee.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Includes the chair of the education committee of the senate, and the chair of the education instruction and programs committee of the house of representatives in the annual report for the model laboratory school program advisory committee.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education.

**SB981/HB1071 TN Promise scholarship eligibility for students at William R. Moore College of Technology.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Allows students at William R. Moore College of Technology to be eligible for the Tennessee Promise scholarship if they meet all requirements for the scholarship or grant.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee deferred to 4/5/17.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708 and Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to postsecondary financial assistance from net lottery proceeds.

**SB1002/HB1009 Home School requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Beavers, Mae , Rep. Holt, Andy

*Summary:* Revises provisions outlining the requirements for operating a home school, such as requiring a diverse curriculum, minimum school day hours, and student assessment via standardized tests.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/21/17 - House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee deferred to summer

*Status:* study after adopting amendment 1 (005278).

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050, relative to home schools.

**SB1008/HB1168 Standards for a one-semester elective skills course for high school students in career and technical education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tracy, Jim , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to develop standards for a one-semester elective skills course for high school students in career and technical education. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to career and technical education.

**SB1009/HB683 Report on availability and content of driver education and training courses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to annually report on the availability and content of driver education and training courses in public schools to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1010/HB986 Report concerning lottery scholarship days and college admission workshops.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Ragan, John

*Summary:* Changes from October 1 to November 1 the date by which the department of education must submit a report concerning lottery scholarship days and college admission workshops to the education committees of the senate and the house. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, relative to financial aid.

### **SB1011/HB1146 Recording captured by law enforcement body camera that includes images of minor as confidential.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Casada, Glen

*Summary:* Makes any portion of a recording captured by a law enforcement body camera that includes an image of a minor or was taken within on the premises of a private residence, within a healthcare facility, or within a school confidential and not open for public inspection.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 38, Chapter 8, relative to the use of body cameras by law enforcement agencies.

### **SB1028/HB851 Local Food Procurement Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

*Summary:* Establishes a council with the purpose of improving access to food from local farms. Facilitates economic activity based on the market in local farm and food products.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/17/17 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2; Title 4, Chapter 56; Title 12; Title 43 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 23, relative to local food

procurement.

### **SB1042/HB1365 Students required to pass civics exam in order to receive high school diploma.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Matheny, Judd

*Summary:* Requires students to pass the United States civics test in order to graduate high school with a regular diploma unless the test is determined inappropriate based on the student's individualized education program.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/21/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to civics education.

### **SB1065/HB1227 Qualification for a community schools grant.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Cooper, Barbara

*Summary:* Allows schools qualifying for community school grants to have their four weeks of summer programming to be consecutive or nonconsecutive.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Set for Senate Education Committee 01/31/18.

*Status:*

*House* 04/10/17 - House passed.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 24, relative to community schools.

### **SB1066/HB1229 Students enrolled in teacher training programs to serve as a mentor at a school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Cooper, Barbara

*Summary:* Authorizes the department of education to create a program that allows students enrolled or seeking to enroll in a teacher training program an opportunity to serve as a mentor at a school and for students of families that are recipients of the Families First Program.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to teacher training.

### **SB1067/HB1248 Report on the status of pre-kindergarten programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Clarifies that the office of early learning within the department of education must provide an annual report to the governor and the general assembly on the status of pre-k programs by March 1 of each year beginning in 2018. Requires the department of

education to post the report on the office of early learning website by March 1 of each

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/22/17 - Failed in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee after

*Status:* adoption of amendment 1 (004389).

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to early learning programs.

### **SB1068/HB1282 Report on transitional licensure options.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Requires board of education to present reports on transitional licensure options to both house and senate education committees by February 1, annually. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to personnel.

### **SB1069/HB1281 Allows electronic reporting for the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Authorizes the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute to provide the governor and general assembly written reports in electronic format. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/11/17 - House Education Instruction and Programs Committee deferred to 2018.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 13, relative to education.

### **SB1091/HB1334 Extends deadline for annual report of virtual education program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Shaw, Johnny

*Summary:* Changes from July 1 to August 1 the date by which the department of education must submit its annual report of virtual education program operation, success, improvement efforts, and funding adequacy to the governor, the general assembly, the state board of education, and the BEP review committee. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1108/HB1301 Deadline for submitting the department of education's**



### **annual report on virtual education programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Turner, Johnnie

*Summary:* Changes from July 1 to September 1 the date by which the department of education must submit its annual report on virtual education programs to the governor, the general assembly, the state board of education, and the BEP review committee. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1115/HB832 Free feminine hygiene products in public high schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Jones, Sherry

*Summary:* Requires every LEA to provide free feminine hygiene products in all women's and girl's bathrooms and locker rooms in any public high school building where instruction is provided.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 68, relative to feminine hygiene products in public high schools.

### **SB1128/HB858 Post-employment benefits of retired employees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Miller, Larry

*Summary:* Prohibits local governments from reducing the post-employment benefits of retired employees without the written consent of the employee. Prohibits local governments from raising premiums for such benefit plans at a rate that exceeds the average annual rate of inflation.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/07/17 - Taken off notice in House Local Government Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9 and Title 56, relative to local government employee retirement benefits.

### **SB1164/HB740 Requirements for dual enrollment courses.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Hensley, Joey , Rep. Powers, Dennis

*Summary:* Requires that the dual enrollment grant awarded to students be \$500 for their first four courses taken in the program. Authorizes the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation to determine the amount of the award for the fifth through eighth courses taken. Requires that the award for the fifth through eighth courses taken not exceed the cost per credit

hour of courses taken at community colleges in the state university and community college system.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/16/18 - House Education Administration and Planning Committee deferred to

*Status:* 02/06/18.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to dual enrollment courses.

### **SB1228/HB1361 Membership of the textbook commission.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harper, Thelma , Rep. Mitchell, Bo

*Summary:* Requires at least one of the six educator members of the textbook commission to be an employee of an LEA which, based on student enrollment, is consistently in the state's top five LEA's. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1284/HB1349 Creates a parent management program training for recently divorced parents.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Camper, Karen

*Summary:* Requires department of education to develop a parent management program for recently divorced parents in an after-school setting. Also require DOE to help an LEA in executing a parent management training program that including methods for funding by community partnerships and donations.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee deferred to 2018.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 4 and Title 49, relative to training programs.

### **SB1297/HB1304 Pre-K program attendance requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Turner, Johnnie

*Summary:* Requires students enrolled in a pre-K program to comply with the same attendance requirements as K-12 students. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to pre-kindergarten (pre-K) programs.

### **SB1300/HB1312 Too Young to Test Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Turner, Johnnie

*Summary:* Prohibits public schools from giving students in pre-kindergarten through grade two a standardized test, unless it's solely for diagnostic purposes or required by federal law; prohibits said testing as a method of evaluating a school employee.

*Senate* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 04/05/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the Too Young to Test Act.

### **SB1356/HB1219 Status report on the Tennessee HOPE foster child tuition grant program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Hicks, Gary

*Summary:* Requires TSAC prior to February 1, 2018, and annually thereafter to prepare a status report for the governor and general assembly on the Tennessee HOPE foster child tuition grant program. Requires the report to include number of students receiving the grant, the overall benefit of the grant program to Tennessee foster children, and recommendations to improve the program.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1357/HB811 Promulgate rules to allow a local board of education to meet the 180-day classroom instruction requirement.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Keisling, Kelly

*Summary:* Requires the board of education to promulgate rules and regulations to allow a local board of education to meet the 180-day classroom instruction requirement by providing a minimum number of instructional hours per year. Requires the rules and regulations to be in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/21/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004, relative to the school term.

### **SB1359/HB1398 Students who have withdrawn from the school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bailey, Paul , Rep. Sparks, Mike

*Summary:* Clarifies that a principal's, or teacher's, report of the names of all students who have

withdrawn from the school, or who have accumulated five unexcused absences, must be submitted to the director of schools within 10 days, rather than promptly. Specifies that five unexcused absences means an aggregate of five days during the school year rather than five consecutive days. Requires principals or teachers to report each successive accumulation of five unexcused absences by a student.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/27/17 - Withdrawn in House.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1384/HB657 Report on incentive grants awarded to schools that exceed performance standards.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. White, Mark

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of education to provide a written report to the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives on the number, amount, and effectiveness of the incentive grants awarded to schools that exceed performance standards by February 1, 2018 and annually thereafter. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/14/17 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1386/HB1240 Removes requirement that THEC and the department of health report to education committees.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Akbari, Raumesh

*Summary:* Deletes language requiring the THEC and the department of health to study and evaluate the effectiveness of the Tennessee rural health scholarship pilot program and to report to the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, and the preliminary report and additional reports that have to be filed with the committees.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1391/HB1239 Annual report by commissioner of education on conflict resolution intervention programs.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Akbari, Raumesh

*Summary:* Changes date by which the commissioner of education must submit an annual report summarizing conflict resolution intervention programs to the governor and the education committees of the senate and house of representatives from February 15 to March 1. Broadly captioned,

*Senate* 03/30/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*  
*House* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1403/HB1238 Reporting requirements for public charter schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Akbari, Raumesh

*Summary:* Requires the governing body of the public charter school to make an annual progress report to the sponsor of the school, the chartering authority, and the commissioner of education. The report can be submitted in electronic format.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1406/HB1234 Requirements for education assistants.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Staples, Rick

*Summary:* Requires educational assistants to possess, at minimum, a high school diploma, GED®, or HiSET® and must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing skills.

*Senate* 02/13/17 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 02/15/17 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1407/HB1237 Notices of intent to initiate out of state instructional activity.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Akbari, Raumesh

*Summary:* Requires the Tennessee higher education commission to review and approve or disapprove all proposals by any existing higher education institution to establish a physical presence at any location other than its main campus or to extend an existing location that will be utilized for administrative purposes or to offer courses for which academic credit is offered. If the new location will create or expand a physical presence out of state, the higher education institution shall, through its governing board, file with the commission a notice of intent to initiate out-of-state instructional activity prior to the development of the proposal. The commission shall, no later than March 15 of each year, report to the chairs of the fiscal review committee, the education committee of the senate, and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives of any such notices filed in the previous year and the status of that application.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*  
*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1408/HB1235 Reporting of program terminations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Tate, Reginald , Rep. Akbari, Raumesh

*Summary:* Requires the governing boards of higher education institutions to make a report by July 1 of each year on any program terminations to the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives, and a copy of the report shall be filed with the commission.

*Senate* 03/29/17 - Taken off notice in Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 03/28/17 - Taken off notice in House Education Administration and Planning

*Status:* Subcommittee.

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1471 Changes the school year the Senator Douglas Henry Tennessee History Act begins.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Haile, Ferrell ,

*Summary:* Changes the date by which the board of education must require Tennessee history courses for students to the 2019-2020 school year.

*Senate* 01/10/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1015 and Chapter 482 of the Public Acts of 2017, relative to the Senator Douglas Henry Tennessee History Act.

### **SB1477 Requirements for selling surplus property by local school systems.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd ,

*Summary:* Deletes the requirement that local school systems must sell all surplus property within 90 days of it being declared surplus. Revises the advertising requirements for local school systems selling surplus property to include advertising on a website maintained by the LEA or local government, in addition to a newspaper of general circulation.

*Senate* 01/10/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the sale or transfer of surplus property.

### **SB1498 Use of TNReady assessments for student growth data in teacher evaluations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve ,

*Summary:* Requires TNReady, or future replacements of TNReady or other TCAP assessments to be administered during the school year free of problems in order to be used for student growth data in teacher evaluations.

*Senate* 01/17/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to teacher evaluations.

**SB1502 Driver education courses to include info on impact of texting while driving.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian ,

*Summary:* Requires driver education courses to include an area of instruction dealing with the effects of talking and texting on a mobile phone on driving abilities.

*Senate* 01/17/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 49, relative to education.

**SB1510 Family life curriculum - child sexual abuse prevention instruction.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky ,

*Summary:* Requires family life curriculum to include instruction on the detection, intervention, prevention and treatment of child sexual abuse. Extends immunity from a cause of action to instructors or organizations providing such instruction in accordance with state law.

*Senate* 01/17/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-603 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 13, relative to child sexual abuse instruction.

**SB1605/HB1463 Requirements for requests for eligible student information.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Sets specifications for eligibility of students information to be shared and creates a time frame for which an LEA, chartering authority, or public charter school may receive student information and communicate with eligible students.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/10/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to student information.

**SB1616/HB1902 THEC to analyze the success of the Tennessee middle college program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Calfee, Kent

*Summary:* Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, requires THEC to analyze the success of the Tennessee middle college program and to report its findings in its annual report to the education committees of the house of representatives and senate.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:* 01/25/18 - Filed for Introduction

*House:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to middle college.

### **SB1617 Notification to department regarding high performing school districts.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

*Summary:* Requires a local board of education that declares its LEA to be a high performing school district to notify the commissioner of education. Requires the commissioner to include the school district on a list of high performing districts on the department's website beginning on July 1 following the local board action and for three years thereafter. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K- 12) education.

### **SB1618 Notice to LEAs regarding reports germane to K-12 education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of the department of education to notify LEAs when the office of research and education accountability publishes a report germane to K-12 education. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

### **SB1619/HB1928 Reporting on early postsecondary courses LEAs are offering.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Moody, Debra

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to survey LEAs as to the early postsecondary courses the LEAs are offering and report back so that partnerships to offer courses may more readily be formed. Allows department to provide the report electronically. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/25/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to kindergarten through grade twelve (K- 12) education.

### **SB1621/HB1571 Annual report concerning college entrance examinations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of education to include certain information in the



commissioner's annual report concerning college entrance examinations, including the number of students in each LEA who took a college entrance examination for the first time, the number of students who took the examination the second time, and whether the department paid the examination fees for those taking it the second time.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/19/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to college entrance examinations.

### **SB1622 Payment for college entrance exams for students who want to take the exam a second time.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of the department of education to inform LEAs before each school year or no later than June 30 if sufficient funds have been appropriated to pay the cost of the required college entrance exams for students who want to take the exam a second time.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to examinations required to graduate from high school.

### **SB1623 Eleventh grade assessments.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

*Summary:* Prohibits use of a test for the required eleventh grade assessment if problems occurred in an administration of the test or the grading of the test on any test date that resulted in students not receiving test scores.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to required assessments.

### **SB1624/HB1527 Alterations to a student's transcript.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Parkinson, Antonio

*Summary:* Prohibits an LEA, charter school, or virtual school from altering a student's transcript unless the LEA, charter school, or virtual school has a written policy governing transcript alterations. Specifies that school policy governing student transcript alterations must require any student transcript alteration to be supported by documentation providing an explanation of the reason for the transcript alteration and evidence that the student has earned the grade reflected in the altered transcript. Prohibits an LEA from retaliating against an employee who brings unauthorized transcript alterations to the attention of school officials. Specifies that a violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/17/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to student transcripts.

### **SB1625/HB1685 Individualized implementation plans for RTI<sup>2</sup> education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to create a process to allow LEAs to develop individualized implementation plans for RTI<sup>2</sup> education. Specifies that the process must require, at a minimum, all RTI<sup>2</sup> implementation plans submitted to the department for approval to provide the LEA's strategy for funding RTI<sup>2</sup> education. Gives the department the authority to approve or deny any LEA's individualized implementation plan for RTI<sup>2</sup> education.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to response to instruction and intervention (RTI<sup>2</sup>).

### **SB1626/HB1460 Requirements for recovery high schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Allows LEAs to establish a recovery high school to serve eligible students starting in the 2018-2019 school year.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/25/18 - Set for House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee 01/30/18.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, relative to recovery high schools.

### **SB1629/HB1694 Report on teacher training institutions placed on temporary probation.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Requires the state board of education to report annually the number of public and private teacher training institutions that, as a result of their students' scores on the state teachers examination, are placed on temporary probation, have their certifications revoked, or regain certification. Also requires the state board to file the report with the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives no later than December 31 of each year. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, relative to teacher training.

### **SB1634/HB1555 Suspension or revocation of professional licensure for defaulting on a student loan.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yarbro, Jeff , Rep. Gilmore, Brenda

*Summary:* Repeals requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans. Requires reinstatement of licenses for otherwise qualified applicants whose licenses were suspended, denied, or revoked based solely on defaulting on student loan repayment.

*Senate* 01/18/18 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/19/18 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3; Title 23, Chapter 3; Title 38, Chapter 1; Title 49; Title 55; Title 56; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to engaging in regulated occupations and professions by persons who have defaulted on student loans.

### **SB1649/HB1599 Guidelines for employers of work-based learning students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Norris, Mark , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Specifies that an employer that accepts or employs a student who is receiving a secondary education to participate in work-based learning coordinated through the LEA shall not be liable for actions relating to that student unless the employer acted willfully or with gross negligence. Authorizes such employer to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage to compensate a participating student for any injury that is covered under Tennessee's Workers' Compensation Law. Requires an LEA that coordinates work-based learning for students receiving a secondary education to maintain liability insurance coverage for all participating students. Establishes a franchise and excise tax credit for an employer for each work-based learning student employed for the tax period covered by the return. Limits the credit allowed to \$5,000 per taxpayer in any year.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/22/18 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49; Title 50, Chapter 6 and Title 67, relative to work- based learning.

### **SB1663/HB1699 Use of excess instructional time.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Love Jr., Harold

*Summary:* Specifies that excess instructional time may be used for individualized education program

team meetings and school-wide or system-wide instructional planning meetings. Requires proposals for use of excess time for instructional planning meetings to be approved by the commissioner of education.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Set for Senate Education Committee 01/31/18.

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004, relative to instructional time.

### **SB1664/HB1570 Location of charter schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Requires that the location of a charter school be within the jurisdictional boundaries of the authorizing LEA. Requires a charter school to seek a delay in opening if the charter school has not secured a physical location for its school 60 days prior to the opening.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Set for Senate Education Committee 01/31/18.

*Status:*

*House* 01/25/18 - Set for House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee 01/31/18.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to charter schools.

### **SB1666/HB1583 Education of children in state custody.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Requires the department of children's services to provide a residential mental health facility that contracts with the department for provision of services to children in state custody education funding equal to the average daily rate of education funding. Specifies that in order to receive such funding the mental health facility must be approved to operate as a Category I special purpose school pursuant to state board of education rules and regulations and must provide a minimum of sixteen and one-half hours per week of education instruction to the students admitted.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/22/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-363, relative to the education of children in state custody.

### **SB1676/HB1495 Reduces resident requirements for grant students.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. Pitts, Joe

*Summary:* Reduces time requirements on Tennessee residents eligible for grants from one year prior to application date to requiring residency by filing date. Takes effect July 1, 2018 and applies to students for the 2018-2019 academic year.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/16/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, relative to dual enrollment grants.

### **SB1677/HB1511 Teacher's bill of rights.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Expands the teacher's bill of rights to include an educator's right to be guaranteed time to plan and prepare for classroom instruction prior to the first day of class each semester.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/17/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-209, relative to the teacher's bill of rights.

### **SB1684/HB1687 Publication of the TN Postsecondary Education Fact Book**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Requires publication of the Tennessee Postsecondary Education Fact Book by March 1 each year instead of by March 15. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

### **SB1691/HB1569 Extending of career and technical education (CTE) class sizes.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Permits certain LEAs to extend career and technical education (CTE) class sizes in ninth through twelfth grades as well as request a waiver from the commissioner of education for extending CTE class sizes that meet provisions that that they do not exceed the maximum general education class size for seventh through twelfth grades. Applies to the 2018-2019 school year.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/25/18 - Set for House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee 01/31/18.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 11, relative to career and technical education (CTE) class sizes.

### **SB1696/HB1501 Revises audit and accounting requirements for the comptroller of the treasury.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon , Rep. Crawford, John

*Summary:* Revises various provisions governing audit and accounting requirements for the comptroller of the treasury, including the preparation of a uniform audit manual by the comptroller.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/25/18 - Set for House State Government Committee 01/30/18.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 49; Title 54; Title 64 and Title 68, relative to financial management.

### **SB1699 Local boards of education to include non-voting student liaison.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon ,

*Summary:* Requires local boards of education to create a policy to select a non-voting student liaison to the board. Specifies that the non-voting student liaison be a high school student in good academic standing within the board's district.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to boards of education.

### **SB1707/HB1690 Tennessee Hunger-Free Students Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Enacts the "Tennessee Hunger-Free Students Act." Requires schools participating in the national school lunch program or school breakfast program to provide a free, printed meal application in every school enrollment packet and requires the meal application to be in a language that the parent or guardian understands. Requires the department of education, in consultation with LEAs, to ensure that all homeless students receive free school meals pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Requires the school to provide a US Department of Agriculture reimbursable meal to a student who requests one, unless the student's parent or guardian has provided written permission to the school to withhold the meal. Prohibits the school from requiring the student to throw away a meal after it has been served because of the student's inability to pay. Clarifies that state board of education rules that permit schools to impose sanctions against students owing a school debt do not authorize sanctions against students owing a meal debt, including prohibiting a student from participating in a school-related event.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 71, relative to the Tennessee Hunger- Free Students Act.

### **SB1708/HB1765 School safety drills.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 68, relative to school safety drills.

### **SB1723/HB1676 State textbook and instructional materials quality commission - appointment process.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Revises the appointment process of the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission. Changes the appointment from appointment one member from each grand division of the state to more specific individuals appointed by the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor. Designates the commissioner of education as an ex officio secretary of the commission, with the right to vote.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 22, relative to the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission.

### **SB1724/HB1608 Promulgation of rules regarding inspection and copies of public records.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Bell, Mike , Rep. Matlock, Jimmy

*Summary:* Changes the date from no later than July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018 in which every county and municipal governmental entity must establish written public records policy properly adopted by the appropriate governing authority. Requires state government entities to promulgate rules of making requests to inspect public records or receive copies of public records, redaction practices, and statement of any fees charged for copies of public records and the procedures for billing and payment.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House State Government Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to public records.

### **SB1738/HB1764 Educator licensure requirements - exemption for out-of-state teachers, principals.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kelsey, Brian , Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Exempts out-of-state teachers, principals or a supervisor of taking an assessment to

advance or renew a license or to initially obtain a practitioner level teaching license if at the time of application they already possessed the equivalent of a practitioner level teaching license in a state that has a reciprocal agreement with the state board of education.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to educator licensure.

### **SB1755/HB1757 Sale or transfer of surplus property to municipal school system.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Brooks, Harry

*Summary:* Requires that local school systems must sell surplus property to highest bidder within 90 days of being declared surplus. The property is to be advertised at least seven days before the sale. When reactivating or creating a school system property within the boundaries must be declared surplus and transferred to the school system.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the sale or transfer of surplus property.

### **SB1761/HB1723 Reporting of breach of security in the administration of the TCAP test.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Clemmons, John

*Summary:* Requires the director of schools to report a breach of security in the administration of the TCAP test or any successor test and the LEA's response to the breach of security to the commissioner of education and the state board of education within five days of discovery of the breach. Broadly captioned.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/22/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to testing in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).

### **SB1765 Awarding of grants or loans for energy efficient capital outlay projects to charter schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Harris, Lee ,

*Summary:* Allows charter schools to receive grants or loans for energy efficient capital outlay projects.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.



*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 17 and Section 49-4-940, relative to the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative (EESI) of 2008.

### **SB1766/HB1487 Regulated professions - persons who have defaulted on student loans.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Green, Mark , Rep. McCormick, Gerald

*Summary:* Repeals requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/16/18 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3; Title 23, Chapter 3; Title 38, Chapter 1; Title 49; Title 55; Title 56; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to engaging in regulated occupations and professions by persons who have defaulted on student loans.

### **SB1779 Report on traineeships and fellowships for students in training programs for the education of students with disabilities.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty ,

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of education to include in its an annual report information on traineeships and fellowships for students who are enrolled in teacher preparation programs and are in training programs for the education of students with disabilities.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to students with disabilities.

### **SB1780 Reports on LEA's use of corporal punishment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty ,

*Summary:* Requires each LEA to annually report the use of and reason for corporal punishment and if a student with an active individualized education program was involved. Requires reported to be published on the department of education's website.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to corporal punishment.

### **SB1782/HB1720 Term for chair of state board of education.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Crowe, Rusty , Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Changes the term of office for the chair of the state board of education from four years to two years.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

*House* 01/22/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301(b), relative to the term of the chair of the state board of education.

### **SB1794/HB1499 Extending distribution of liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds by one year.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Hulse, Bud

*Summary:* Extends by one year the manner in which liquor-by-the-drink tax proceeds are distributed to local political subdivisions.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/25/18 - Set for House State Government Subcommittee 01/31/18.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 49; Title 57 and Title 67, relative to tax revenue distributions.

### **SB1803/HB1607 Funding for educational facilities that are recipients of juvenile justice prevention grants.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Pitts, Joe

*Summary:* Requires LEAs to allocate funding to educational facilities providing educational instructional services to students who are admitted to such facilities under order of a juvenile court. Defines "educational facility" to mean a facility that operates as a Category I special purpose school that provides a minimum of 32 hours per week of educational instructional services to students admitted and that is a recipient of a juvenile justice prevention grant. Requires the state board of education to promulgate rules that provide for the determination of the allocation of funding.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to education funding.

### **SB1804/HB1549 Assessment to advance or renew teaching license - exemptions.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Terry, Bryan

*Summary:* Exempts from assessments to advance or renew a license for a supervisor, principal, or public school teacher who possessed an active professional license, is employed to serve or teach courses in the individual's area of endorsement, or have earned "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations" on overall performance effectiveness levels.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/25/18 - Set for House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee 01/31/18.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 5 relative to educator licensure.

### **SB1805/HB1577 Release of schools assessment and accountability data.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to create a process which allows at least fifteen days for the verification and correction of assessment and accountability data before its release. Also requires state board of education to develop a policy that identifies the assessment and accountability data subject to review by LEAs.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/22/18 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to accountability and assessments.

### **SB1806/HB1855 Limiting new statewide assessments.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Rudd, Tim

*Summary:* Prohibits the department of education and the state board of education from requiring any statewide assessments for any grades beyond the assessments required from the 2016-2017 school year until the 2021-2022 school year.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to limiting new statewide assessments.

### **SB1807/HB1761 Annual report required by the office of coordinated school health.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Ketron, Bill , Rep. Hicks, Gary

*Summary:* Requires the office of coordinated school health to incorporate in its annual report the percentage of public schools that integrate physical education courses into the school day.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to physical education.

**SB1831/HB1906 ACT National Career Readiness Certificate examination.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve , Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Provides students with the option to take the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate examination in place of retaking the proficiency testing required in grade 11.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/25/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001, relative to assessments.

**SB1835 State assessments in grades 3-8 and end of course examinations in high school.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Southerland, Steve ,

*Summary:* Reduces the amount of new material required on state assessments in grades 3-8 and end of course examinations in high school from 70% different from the previous four years to 30% different from the previous two years.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-610, relative to nonredundant test items.

**SB1838 Appeals regarding denial of charter school application.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

*Summary:* Retracts the authority of the state board of education or its executive member to allow a charter school applicant to make corrections to its application on appeal.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to charter schools.

**SB1843/HB1863 Low performing teachers and student assignment.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Akbari, Raumesh

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to annually report on students taught by any teacher of record rated below expectations or slightly below expectations in reading, English language arts, and mathematics. Requires the department of education to publish the report on its website.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 31, relative to student assignment.

## **SB1848/HB1774 Creates pilot project for a special juvenile drug court treatment program.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Creates a regional juvenile drug court treatment program pilot project that serves up to 500 juveniles. Sets guidelines for court jurisdiction over such a program

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 22; Title 33; Title 37; Title 49 and Title 56, relative to drug court treatment programs.

## **SB1854/HB1686 Driver education courses - instruction regarding dangers of texting while driving.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Massey, Becky , Rep. Smith, Eddie

*Summary:* Requires all driver education courses to include instruction on the dangers of texting while driving. Requires students to be apprised that texting while driving is a crime under TCA 55-8-199 and to be apprised of the penalty for texting while driving.

*Senate* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

## **SB1896/HB1778 Revises the Course Access Program Act.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Revises the Course Access Program Act. Clarifies that the participating student shall be responsible for paying to the host LEA any required tuition and fees for all additional courses beyond two courses permitted. Encourages the Tennessee school boards association (TSBA) to develop a model policy for adoption by local boards of education, though a home LEA may develop its own policy but must submit the policy for approval. Requires the department of education to post all approval guidelines and procedures and all approved providers on its website and upon approval and inclusion in the listing of providers in the course access catalog, course providers may offer course access program courses for review and selection by a host LEA under a host LEA's local course review and approval process. Prohibits any provider applicant to act as a course provider until approved by the state board. Allows the state board to exclude a course provider at any time if the state board or department finds that a provider has failed to comply with its requirements.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the Course Access

**SB1897/HB1535 Policy for weighting a student's end-of-course examinations.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires each LEA to develop a policy that details the scoring methodology used and how a student's end-of-course examination scores are weighted and incorporated into the student's final course grade. Permits an LEA to choose not to include its students' end-of-course examination scores in the students' final course grade if such LEA does not receive its students' end-of-course examination scores at least five instructional days before the scheduled end of the course.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/17/18 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to end-of-course examinations.

**SB1898/HB1534 Student scores on achievement tests - percentage of final grade.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires each LEA to determine the percentage achievement tests will consist of a student's final grade within a revised range of zero percent to twenty-five percent for third through fifth grade and ten to twenty-five percent for sixth through eighth grade beginning the 2017-2018 school year.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/17/18 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-617, relative to student scores on achievement tests.

**SB1899 State board of education is LEA for charter schools authorized by board.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores ,

*Summary:* Specifies that the state board of education serves as the LEA for those charter schools that the board authorizes.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 13 and Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to charter schools authorized by the state board of education.

**SB1901/HB1870 Special education services association - charter**

**schools.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Gresham, Dolores , Rep. Dunn, Bill

*Summary:* Requires charter schools overseen by the district to send all excess cost reimbursement funds received due to students generating costs to the individual schools, whereas previously the requirement was only for elementary and high school students. Requires the special education services association to provide services for all the areas within the school districts, including any charter schools participating in it.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, relative to special education.

**SB1906/HB1803 Cooperative purchasing agreements for purpose of purchasing farm tractors, mowers.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Yager, Ken , Rep. Carr, Dale

*Senate* 01/26/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1205, relative to cooperative purchasing.

**SR150 ACT/SAT participation rates on annual report card of LEA.**

*Sponsors:* Sen. Lundberg, Jon ,

*Summary:* Urges the department of education to include ACT/SAT participation rates for each LEA on the annual report card.

*Senate* 01/25/18 - Referred to Senate Education Committee.

*Status:*

**HB76 Assessments required for home school students.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Requires home school students to take an assessment in grade 11 to graduate, which is the same as the current assessment requirement for traditional public high school students.

*House* 02/08/17 - Withdrawn in House.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to assessments for home school students.

**HB1488 Representation of LEA or LEA employees by attorney general in court or administrative tribunal.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. McCormick, Gerald

*Summary:* Expands the duties of the attorney general and reporter to include representation of an LEA or certain LEA employees in a court or administrative tribunal arising out of the adoption of a policy requiring students, faculty, and staff to utilize the restroom, locker room, or other facility that corresponds to that individual's biological sex. Requires the state to indemnify and hold harmless the LEA or employees from any judgment, fine, penalty, award of plaintiff attorneys' fees, or other judgment obtained as a result of a legal proceeding arising out of the adoption of any such policy or practice.

*House* 01/17/18 - Withdrawn in House.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 6, relative to the attorney general and reporter's duty to represent a local education agency and its employees.

### **HB1508 Prohibits the use of corporal punishment against a student with an IEP.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Prohibits teachers, principals, or other school personnel from using corporal punishment against a student with an individualized education program (IEP). Makes an exception to allow corporal punishment to be used against a student who has an IEP because the student is intellectually gifted if all current procedures for use of corporal punishment are followed.

*House* 01/17/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to corporal punishment of students with individualized education programs (IEPs).

### **HB1509 Revoking of professional license for defaulting on student loan.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Repeals requirements that authorization to engage in regulated professions and occupations be revoked for persons who default on student loans.

*House* 01/17/18 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3; Title 23, Chapter 3; Title 38, Chapter 1; Title 49; Title 55; Title 56; Title 62 and Title 63, relative to engaging in regulated occupations and professions by persons who have defaulted on student loans.

### **HB1580 Creates the Class C misdemeanor criminal offense of hazing.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Gilmore, Brenda

*Summary:* Creates the Class C misdemeanor criminal offense of hazing.

*House* 01/22/18 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17; Section 49-2-120 and Section 49-7-123, relative to hazing.



**HB1594 Expands the offense of female genital mutilation.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Butt, Sheila

*House* 01/22/18 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 28-3-104; Title 29, Chapter 34, Part 2; Title 36; Section 39-11-703; Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1; Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4 and Title 40, relative to female genital mutilation.

**HB1595 Expelling of student for offenses committed against teacher or LEA employee.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Butt, Sheila

*Summary:* Reduces the offense level for which a student must be expelled from school for a period of not less than one calendar year if the offense is committed against a teacher, principal, administrator, any other employee of the LEA, or school resource officer from aggravated assault to an assault resulting in bodily injury,

*House* 01/22/18 - Referred to House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to school safety.

**HB1609 End-of-course examinations for grades 9-12 prohibited.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Hill, Matthew

*Summary:* Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year and thereafter, prohibits the administration of end-of-course examinations to students in grades 9 through 12 and specifies that the ACT is the only assessment that may be required for graduation.

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to assessments.

**HB1681 Charter school application requirements.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Forgety, John

*Summary:* Requires sponsors of proposed charter schools to provide, in their written application, the school's dismissal plans in the event of a natural disaster, inclement weather or an outbreak.

*House* 01/24/18 - Referred to House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee.

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, relative to charter schools.

**HB1770 Limits on campaign loans.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Dunn, Bill

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, relative to campaign loans.

### **HB1801 Tuition discount for children of state employees, public school teachers.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Kane, Roger

*Summary:* Specifies that for a child under 24 years of age to receive a 25 percent reduction in the undergraduate tuition at any state-operated institution of higher learning if their parent currently is or was a full-time employee of the state, the child must first earn an associate degree using either the Tennessee Promise scholarship program, the Community College Reconnect Grant program, or the Tennessee reconnect grant program.

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50; Title 49, Chapter 7 and Title 49, Chapter 4, relative to tuition discounts.

### **HB1804 Prohibits state or local licensing authority from entering into a contract with a lobbyist.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Howell, Dan

*Summary:* Prohibits any licensing authority of this state or any political subdivision to enter into or renew any contract with a lobbyist or a lobbying firm.

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to lobbyists.

### **HB1805 Waiver of initial licensure fees imposed by health related boards.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Howell, Dan

*Summary:* Relieves certain persons of the initial licensure fee imposed by health-related boards and professional regulatory boards.

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3; Title 23, Chapter 3; Title 49; Title 56; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to the waiver of initial licensure fees.

### **HB1813 Shared governance model as an intervention strategy for priority schools.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Requires the department of education to report to the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house by January 1, 2019, on the feasibility of implementing a shared governance model as an intervention

strategy for priority schools.

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to shared governance of priority schools.

### **HB1817 Post-employment benefits paid to LEA employees.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Hawk, David

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, relative to post-employment benefits.

### **HB1821 Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act - exemptions for certain laboratory personnel.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Hawk, David

*Summary:* Exempts certain laboratory personnel working at a state operated medical laboratory from the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act.

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5001; Section 68-1-901; Title 68, Chapter 12; Title 68, Chapter 29; Title 68, Chapter 3, Part 1 and Title 68, Chapter 32, relative to the applicability of the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act to laboratory personnel working at a laboratory operated by the state.

### **HB1833 2018 Second Amendment Protections Act- Constitutional Carry**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Reedy, Jay

*Summary:* Allows for the legal concealment of a firearm without a conceal and carry permit. Gives gunowners without a conceal and carry permit the same protections under the law as those who possess a conceal and carry permit.

*House* 01/23/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 11; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 70, relative to firearms.

### **HB1846 Notification of unsafe drinking water at schools.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Powell, Jason

*Summary:* Requires parents, guardians, legal custodians, or caregivers of children attending schools to be notified when water sample tests indicate that the lead and copper 90th percentile lead action level at the school has been exceeded.

*House* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 7, relative to safe drinking water.

## **HB1880 Public charter school identified as a priority school to develop a school improvement plan.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Hardaway, G.A.

*Summary:* Requires a public charter school that receives identification as a priority school to develop a school improvement plan and submit it within 90 days of receiving the identification to the department of education and the school's final chartering authority. Revokes or denies renewal by the final chartering authority if the school receives identification as a priority school for two consecutive cycles beginning in 2018.

*House* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-122, relative to charter schools that receive identification on the priority list.

## **HB1888 Auditing of charter management organizations.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Lollar, Ron

*House* 01/24/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to audits of charter management organizations.

## **HB1922 Providing of results for standardized testing.**

*Sponsors:* Rep. Forgety, John

*House* 01/25/18 - Filed for Introduction

*Status:*

*Caption:* AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to standardized testing.